

REMARKS

Claims 16-29 remain in the application. Claims 1 -15 have been canceled. New claims 16-29 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

The Office Action objected to claims 1–15 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-15 have been canceled and replaced by claims 16-29. Claims 16-21 are information handling system claims and hence are patentable subject matter under the machine category of 35 USC 101. Claims 22-25 are method claims and hence are patentable subject matter under the process category of 35 USC §101. Claims 26-29 are computer readable medium claims and hence are patentable subject matter under the manufacture category of 35 USC 101.

The Office Action has not established that any of the claims fall under any of the judicially recognized exclusions from patentable subject matter (i.e, laws of nature, naturally-occurring physical phenomena, or abstract ideas). Therefore, the rejection of the claims under 35 USC §101 is improper and should be withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

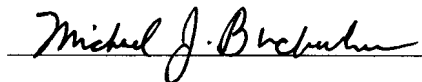
The Office Action rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Alferness (US 5,577,259). Claim 1 has been cancelled, thereby rendering its rejection moot.

Claim 1 has been replaced by new claim 16. Claim 16 is not believed to be anticipated by Alferness.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Devic (US 6,072,508). Claims 1-15 have been canceled, thus mooted this rejection. Although Applicants have cancelled claims 1-15 from further consideration in this application, Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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